

CONCEALED RUNAWAYS

Durham Boys Will Likely Get Sound Thashing.

NEW DEPOT FOR DURHAM

The People Are Anxious That One Be Built, but Southern Will Not Act Until Litigation Over Street is Ended.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 10.—Deputy Sheriff J. F. Harward, who had been to Portsmouth to bring back Sam and Vance Massey, the boys who ran away from their parents last week, returned empty-handed yesterday morning over the Southern, and in a few minutes was on his way back, accompanied by Mrs. R. H. Massey, mother of one of the boys. They are aged fifteen and sixteen, one the son of Rev. P. H. Massey and the other of John Massey, both living near the city. Officer Harward found they were in Portsmouth, but protected by friends, who concealed them, and put the case in the hands of the police, from whom a telegram was received yesterday evening that they had been in the lock-up. Sheriff Harward and Mrs. Massey are expected back to-day with the boys, for whose running away there seems to be no excuse, but it is intimated the virtue of hickory will be administered on their return.

The Durham County Commissioners having built the macadamized road, within three miles of the Chatham county line, Williams township, of that county, agree to extend it through five miles if Durham will complete these three miles. Durham commissioners will accept, because of the great addition of trade the road will bring to the city.

LITIGATION.
People here are much interested in the case of the city of Durham against the Southern Railway, argued yesterday and to-day before Judge Purnell, of the Federal Court, in Raleigh. The city is represented by Winston A. Fuller, Eugene B. Blige, Manning & Pothier, V. B. Bryant, of Durham, and Captain W. A. Day, of Raleigh. It is the old fight over the title to Peabody Street, which is included in the right of way to the North Carolina Railroad, and which has been in litigation for nearly twenty years.

The city claims that the Southern Road, of which the Southern is the ninety-year lessee, had leased this street to the city for thirty years. That lease has expired, and the Southern wants possession. The city objects, but holds the lease should be continued. Colonel Andrews has let it be known that the city will look to be built here until the 100 feet on each side the track is surrendered. The depot accommodations are shamefully inadequate, there being no sheds for the number of people who travel to stand under out of the rain, and it is the anxious wish of the city that the depot be located here, as it will hasten a decent depot.

LEGISLATION ON QUESTION.
The Chamber of Commerce met to-night, discussed the depot question and appointed a committee to go before the Legislative Committee and urge the passage of the Fuller bill, which looks to forcing the erection of a depot here.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyree, of Raleigh, passed through yesterday to attend the funeral of Miss Mary Currin, who died at her home, Oxford, on Sunday. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. Matt Currin, a prominent tobaccoist, and sister of Mrs. Tyree.

Mr. Lacy Ogden, of London, representing the Imperial Tobacco Company, of England, who has been here several days, left yesterday for Richmond.

Major W. A. Guthrie and wife left yesterday for Fayetteville, to be present at the morgan wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Morgan, formerly of this city.

URGED TO REMAIN

Every Effort Made to Hold Rev. C. S. Blackwell in Wilmington.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 10.—As a result of a conference with the Executive Committee of the First Baptist Church, which was augmented by half a hundred of the most influential members of the congregation, last night, Rev. C. S. Blackwell, D. D., decided to remain several days longer before making a final decision as to whether or not he will accept the call to the First Baptist Church at Norfolk. It was generally believed, and he as much as intimated it himself, that Dr. Blackwell's resignation would be accepted last night, but so much pressure has been brought to bear to keep him in Wilmington he decided to hold the matter in abeyance, and will probably not give his decision in a few days. While there is but little hope of Dr. Blackwell remaining here, the committee considers this favorable. At the conference last night the committee laid before him their views, urging him to reconsider and withdraw his resignation.

Probably the one thing that holds out the strongest plea to Dr. Blackwell is a petition signed by 150 young men of the Atlantic Coast Line offices, who are members of all churches, sects and creeds. This petition is addressed to the Executive Committee of the church. After urging that every influence be brought to bear to secure the withdrawal of Dr. Blackwell's resignation, it states that "no one could ever estimate the great loss his departure would necessarily cause or inflict upon the non-Christian boys employed in the clerical service of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, with whom his personality has been a potent factor."

Dr. Blackwell would not commit himself to The Times-Dispatch correspondent to-day, except to say that his final decision had not been changed, but he is going to reflect over the matter several days before making the final move.

CHARGES OF CRUELTY

Legislative Committee is Investigating at Marion.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MARION, N. C., Feb. 10.—The legislative committee to investigate charges of cruelty to convicts heard a number of witnesses to-day and adjourned the session until the members return to Raleigh.

J. C. L. Bird, who brought the charges, placed men on the stand who testified that the shaded convicts were marched on an average five inches deep in mud; that some of the men lost their shoes; that when they could not go on they were cursed by guards, and that sick men were cursed for grunting; that the men were placed on cars, and were not taken off until daylight of the third day. It was stated that there were two very sick men in the lot when the squad reached Marion, and that the men who were very much exhausted.

In rebuttal, Prison Superintendent J. S. Mann read copies of orders to show that he was not responsible for any mis-

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Half Prices This Week

Take Underwear, for Instance

Natural Wool, gray, \$1.00, now, 50c	American Hosiery Co., \$1.50, now, \$1.00
Whit's Fleeced Linen, \$1.00, now, 50c	American Hosiery Co., \$1.00, now, 50c
Elasto Ribbed Balbriggan, \$1.00, now, 75c	American Silk, fancy, \$1.50, now, \$1.00
Ribbed Fleeced that sold up to 75c now, 33c	Pink Ribbed Wool, \$1.50, now, 75c
Royal Silk Finish, 98c	Fine Ribbed Mercerized, \$1.00, now, 50c
White Merino Wool, \$1.50, now, 75c	Fancy Ribbed, 50c, now, 25c

Then White Linen Shirts

Stiff Bosom, Laundered, Plain, or Pleated

Garland \$1.00 Shirts 50c

Sizes, 14, 14½, 16, 16½, 17, 17½

The Children's Suit and Overcoat Sale

at Half Prices Continues

All Overcoats that sold up to \$10.00 now, \$4.48	All Suits that sold up to \$10.00 now, \$4.48
All Overcoats that sold up to \$8.00 now, \$2.48	All Suits that sold up to \$8.00 now, \$2.48
All Boys' House Suits that sold up to \$3.00 now, \$2.48	All Boys' House Suits that sold up to \$3.00 now, \$3.98

705 East Broad Street.

(Entire Building.)

treatment of the men, and Supervisor Lashley, who had personal charge of the movement, declared that he saw no evidence of cruelty to convicts, and the march was not an unusual one. The result of to-day's hearing in some measure established the charges without fixing the responsibility. Evidence was also submitted showing that on previous occasions sick convicts had been allowed to fall in the rain at the depot here. Superintendent Mann said he thought this was a mistake on the part of the witness.

IN GREENSBORO

State Guard Invited to Meet in That City Every Summer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 10.—Major R. M. Albright and Adjutant W. A. Hughes, of the Third North Carolina Regiment, and Captain S. Glenn Brown, of the Gate City Guards, will go to Raleigh to-morrow to attend a convention of the officers of the State Guard, to be held to-morrow for the purpose of discussing the Dick bill, recently passed by Congress.

Dr. J. W. Petty, secretary of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, went to Raleigh this morning in the interest of the bill before the Legislature for the protection of dumb animals.

The furnace of this city, resumed operations to-day, after being shut down for a few days on account of the scarcity of limestone.

Messrs. Moses H. and Caesar Cone, the two winning cotton mill, mill of Greensboro, to-day subscribed \$1,000 to the fund being raised for the purpose of inducing the committee to locate the new Methodist college in Greensboro. The fund now exceeds the \$10,000 mark.

GENERAL RANSON FARMING

His Cotton Sells for \$45,000 and He Runs 250 Plows.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WELDON, N. C., Feb. 10.—General M. W. Ransom sold here to-day 1,200 bales of cotton for 9 cents all around, and received therefore a nice little check for \$60,000.

General Ransom is devoted to farm life, and since his retirement from the United States Senate he has given much of his time and attention to farming. His sons are also devoted to agricultural pursuits. Some years ago, when he took one of his sons to Washington to act as his private secretary, the boy soon tired of the glitter of Washington life and begged his father to allow him to return to his farm in Northampton county.

General Ransom, now well advanced in years, still retains his power as an orator, and continues to take much interest in the affairs of State and nation. He will farm on a large scale again this year, and will run about two hundred and fifty plows.

SPECIALIST IS ARRESTED

Columbus, Ohio, Man is Charged With Practicing Without License.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Feb. 10.—Dr. H. J. Reynolds, a specialist from Columbus, Ohio, was arrested here to-day on the charge of practicing medicine without State license. He waived examination and gave a two hundred dollar bond for his appearance at the May term of court.

Dr. Reynolds and his wife have been here several weeks, and they have made many friends in this city. They left this afternoon for home.

Lady Slightly Injured.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 10.—Miss Sarah Kennan, daughter of Captain W. R. Kennan, of this city, was in the wreck on the Southern Railroad between Atlanta and Macon Monday night and was slightly injured. Her face was cut,

ASHEVILLE EXTENSION

Bill Practically Meets With a Knock-Out Blow.

PEABODY STREET CASE

The Durham Litigation is On in the Federal Court at This Time—Revision of the Revenue and Machinery Acts.

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RALIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.—Some right hard lobby and committee work has been done lately among members of the Legislature for and against a bill for the extension of the corporate limits of Asheville, but the bill, which is in the city, received probably a death blow last night in the meeting of the Committee on Towns and Cities, when it was decided to report the bill unfavorably, with an amendment that the question of extension be left to a vote of the people in the territory proposed to be taken in by the extension.

The case of the city of Durham vs. the North Carolina and Southern Railway Company, involving the right of way through Peabody Street, Durham, is now being heard before Judge Purnell, of the United States Court here, in chambers. Argument will require all of to-morrow, and has been in progress since Monday noon. Counsel are Colonel W. A. Henderson, of Washington; Charles Price, of Salisbury, and F. H. Eubank, of Raleigh, for the Southern and North Carolina Railway; and J. B. Winston, J. B. Manning, J. Crawford Blige and Captain W. H. Day, for Durham city and the Seaboard Air Line, the latter company being really behind the suit, with a view to forcing gratuitous concessions of right of way originally owned in Durham by the North Carolina and Southern Companies.

The legislative joint committee on Finance, H. A. London chairman, is putting in some hard work now on the revision of the 1901 revenue and machinery acts, with a view to reporting them to the Assembly for re-enactment. The policy of the administration is to make very few changes in the acts, more, however, in the machinery than in the revenue bill. The committee has to have the bills ready to report within a week.

A special report is being prepared by the commissioner of printing, which shows that during the past two years over \$500 per year has been saved to the State by the 1901 contract for State printing, as compared with the 1899 contract. This saving was on the items, book composition, press work and law, sheep and half binding. The total saving to the State will aggregate \$10,000 per year.

Several Raleigh citizens won prizes in the Continental Tobacco Company contest in guessing the number of cigar stamps sold by the government during December. J. C. Ball won \$250, Ashby Lambeth \$55, and several others smaller sums. One citizen of Durham is reported to have been awarded \$100.

A bill to establish a State Board of Examiners to issue licenses to trained nurses passed the House about a week ago, but went to pieces in the Senate Committee on Public Health this morning, receiving an unfavorable report. The conclusion was that it would put an end to a great deal of noble work of this kind not being done by women who have received no training that would enable them to pass the examination, but who are good and efficient nurses. A substitute bill will be reported, allowing the establishment of a board of Examiners, the expense to be paid by nurses standing the examination, and making it discretionary with the nurse as to whether she stands the examination. Advocates of the original bill take no special interest in the substitute.

THE WHISTLE BILL

Senate Committee on Railroads Will Report It Favorably Again.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.—The Senate Committee on Railroads and Railroad Commission voted by a big majority to report favorably on the "whistle bill" unfavorably.

It requires railroad companies to blow whistles and ring bells always until persons on track take notice, and if injury is done the company is to be liable. This is the bill, it is claimed, that would force roads to run trains most of the time under control.

The joint Finance Committee gave an extensive hearing to-night to representatives of railroad companies on the railroad tax levy of the act, section 50, of which it is proposed to prescribe that the railroad tax be based on the market value of stock. C. D. Watson represented the Norfolk and Western; Judge Francis Winston the Atlantic Coast Line, and H. W. Miller the Southern. No action was taken.

RICHMOND LEADER OF THE FIGHT

(Continued from First Page.)

Sensors and Congressmen from his own and other States have been very ready to listen to him.

The following members of the National Legislative Committee of the T. P. A. are now here: John S. Harwood, Richmond; J. C. Smirner, Maryland; E. R. Demmon, Ohio; Walter Matthews, Indiana; J. A. Adams, Arkansas; A. A. Deakman, Texas; Nell McCaul, New York; H. T. Kent, Connecticut, and H. D. Brannon, Georgia.

It seems a foregone conclusion that Secretary Cortelyou will be the head of the new anti-trust commission.

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Congressman Lamb will appear before the Ways and Means Committee of the House to-morrow in the interest of the Aiken bill, which prevents the use of tags, coupons and other devices in the sale of tobacco in manufactured form. It is expected that a number of independent manufacturers from Richmond and elsewhere will appear before the committee in behalf of the bill. It is said that President D. of the American Tobacco Company is fighting the measure.

measure. It has all along been understood that the American Tobacco Company and the plug tobacco trust are fighting the bill.

Congressman Flood has about succeeded in having the Department of Agriculture order a soil survey made of the counties of New, Amherst, Augusta and Rockbridge. This is much desired by the farmers of the counties named, and Mr. Flood has had to do some pretty hard work to get it.

A soil survey is nothing more than an analysis of soils and a report as to the crops to which they are best adapted, and the ingredients in the way of fertilizers needed to improve the land.

MR. GLASS ON A HUNT.
Congressman Glass put in a good portion of to-day looking for eight lost families. This would be strange business for a Sherlock Holmes, but stranger still for a Congressman, and especially one so mild and little of a sleuth as the member from the Sixth District.

Some months ago Mr. W. E. Hill, of South Boston, succeeded in inducing eight German families to locate on Halifax farms, and they sailed for Baltimore probably two weeks ago. They have not been heard of since.

Mr. Hill called the aid of Mr. Glass in looking them up, and Mr. Glass finally connected with Mr. M. V. Richards, industrial and immigration agent of the Southern Railway here. Mr. Richards was not able to find the families, but he was able to tell Mr. Hill that the people had been held up in Boston as objectionable, along with many others, referred to in recent dispatches from that city.

Mr. Richards and Mr. Glass think they will soon be able to "free" their people. Mr. Hill says the immigrants have property and that they are the vanguard of many more who are coming.

REVOLT AGAINST MACHINE.

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A prominent member of the Virginia delegation told me to-day that a Republican, well known all over the country, told him last night that he did not believe Mr. Roosevelt would receive the nomination in 1904. He thought the conservative people of the country were opposed to him, and that if he were nominated this class would defeat him if the Democrats should nominate Parker or Olney or Cleveland.

But Democrats and Republicans are about unanimous in declaring that Roosevelt is already elected. He is a trust, he said, "I think so, and there are plenty of us who think the same way. We think, too, that Roosevelt has gone too far in the matter of the negro. If the kind of fight is made which I expect to be made, or at least, hope to be made, you will see soon a complete change of personnel in the Republican organization in Virginia. I am not sure Mr. Roosevelt will capture the delegation."

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